



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**

Introduced 2/6/2004, by Edward D. Maloney

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

220 ILCS 5/4-601 new  
815 ILCS 505/10d new

Amends the Public Utilities Act and the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Illinois Commerce Commission and its staff shall work cooperatively with law enforcement authorities, including the Attorney General and State's Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection laws, including the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, provide any materials or documents requested by the Attorney General or a State's Attorney pertaining to the enforcement of consumer protection laws, and, upon written request, forward any complaints regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection law to the Attorney General and the appropriate State's Attorney. Provides that all remedies and authority granted to the Attorney General or the State's Attorneys by the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act shall be available even though the matter is also subject to the Public Utilities Act. Provides that the Public Utilities Act and the Illinois Commerce Commission's rules do not preclude any action that may be available by law, and that the remedies for violations of the Public Utilities Act and its rules are not intended to replace other remedies that may be imposed by the courts for violation of other consumer protection laws and are in addition to, and not in substitution for, other available remedies.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning consumer protection.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 4-601 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/4-601 new)

7 Sec. 4-601. Consumer protection laws.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that consumer protection is  
9 vital to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois consumers.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
11 Commission and its staff shall:

12 (1) work cooperatively with law enforcement  
13 authorities, including the Attorney General and State's  
14 Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection  
15 laws, including the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business  
16 Practices Act;

17 (2) provide any materials or documents requested by the  
18 Attorney General or a State's Attorney pertaining to the  
19 enforcement of consumer protection laws; and

20 (3) upon written request, forward any complaints  
21 regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection  
22 law to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the  
23 appropriate county or counties.

24 (c) All remedies and authority granted to the Attorney  
25 General or the State's Attorney of any county by the Consumer  
26 Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act shall be available  
27 notwithstanding the matter also being subject to this Act. This  
28 Act and the Commission's rules do not preclude any action that  
29 may be available by law. The remedies for violations of this  
30 Act and its rules are not intended to replace other remedies  
31 that may be imposed by the courts for violation of other  
32 consumer protection laws and are in addition to, and not in

1 substitution for, other available remedies.

2 Section 10. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business  
3 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 10d as follows:

4 (815 ILCS 505/10d new)

5 Sec. 10d. Public Utilities Act; Illinois Commerce  
6 Commission.

7 (a) The General Assembly finds that consumer protection is  
8 vital to the health, safety, and welfare of Illinois consumers.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
10 Illinois Commerce Commission and its staff shall:

11 (1) work cooperatively with law enforcement  
12 authorities, including the Attorney General and State's  
13 Attorneys, in their enforcement of consumer protection  
14 laws, including this Act;

15 (2) provide any materials or documents requested by the  
16 Attorney General or a State's Attorney pertaining to the  
17 enforcement of consumer protection laws; and

18 (3) upon written request, forward any complaints  
19 regarding alleged violations of any consumer protection  
20 law to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney of the  
21 appropriate county or counties.

22 (c) All remedies and authority granted to the Attorney  
23 General or the State's Attorney of any county by this Act shall  
24 be available notwithstanding the matter also being subject to  
25 the Public Utilities Act. The Public Utilities Act and the  
26 Illinois Commerce Commission's rules do not preclude any action  
27 that may be available by law. The remedies for violations of  
28 the Public Utilities Act and its rules are not intended to  
29 replace other remedies that may be imposed by the courts for  
30 violation of other consumer protection laws and are in addition  
31 to, and not in substitution for, other available remedies.